



State of California-Health and Human Services Agency  
**Department of Health Services**



ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER  
Governor

DATE: September 27, 2006

CHDP Program Letter No.: 06-12

TO: ALL CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY PREVENTION (CHDP)  
PROGRAM DIRECTORS, DEPUTY DIRECTORS, STATE CHILDREN'S  
MEDICAL SERVICES (CMS) BRANCH STAFF AND REGIONAL OFFICE  
STAFF

SUBJECT: THREE INFLUENZA VACCINE CHANGES FOR 2006-07

Enclosed is CHDP Provider Information Notice (PIN) No.: 06-12 informing CHDP providers of the following three changes for influenza vaccine for 2006-07:

- Influenza vaccine is a CHDP benefit for all infants and children six months through 59 months;
- Effective July 1, 2006, it is against California law (Health and Safety (H&S) Code Section 124172) to administer doses of inactivated influenza vaccine from a multi-dose vial to pregnant women or children younger than three years old because of the level of the mercury-containing preservative, thimerosal, contained in multi-dose vials; and
- All healthy children and adolescents, aged five years thru 18 years 11 months, are eligible for FluMist (Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine).

Please distribute this PIN and VFC Provider Letter without any revisions to providers in your county and complete and return a "Report of Distribution" (DHS 4504). The DHS 4504 can be found at [www.dhs.ca.gov/chdp](http://www.dhs.ca.gov/chdp).

If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Consultant staff.

Sincerely,

**Original Signed by Marian Dalsey**

Marian Dalsey, M.D., M.P.H., Chief  
Children's Medical Services Branch  
Enclosure